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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8513

INFO AMEMBASSY ABUI DHABI

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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY KIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 4457

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, SA

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF SAUDI FINANCIAL AID TO SYRIA

1. MINISTER OF CULTURE KAYYALI TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 7 THAT SYRO-SAUDI RELATIONS HAD TAKEN A DEFINITE TURN FOR BETTER FOLLOWING THE RIYADH CONFERENCE OF JUNE 23. ACCORDING KAYYALI, SINCE THAT DATE SAUDI ARABIA HAD GRANTED SYRIA \$200 MILLION. HE NOTED THAT IN ADDITION THE SAUDIS, EITHER JUST BEFORE OR AFTER THE RIYADH CONFERENCE, UPPED A PREVIOUS LOAN TO SYRIA, NEGOTIATED FOR \$75 MILLION, TO \$101 MILLION WITHOUT FURTHER EXPLANATION.

2. MIN ECONOMY IMADI ON JULY 8 CONFIRMED THE RESTORATION OF SAUDI AID BUT WITHOUT CITING THE SPECIFIC FIGURES. IN ANSWER OUR QUESTION, HE SAID THAT KUWAIT HAD NOT RESTORED ITS AID TO SYRIA "BECAUSE THEY STILL DO NOT LIKE OUR POLICIES", INDICATING THAT GOK WAS SUBJECT TO HEAVY PALESTINIAN INFLUENCE.

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3. COMMENT: FACT THAT KAYYALI HAD ACCESS TO THIS  
INFORMATION INDICATES THAT ASAD HAD PRESENTED IT AT ONE  
OF HIS RECENT MEETINGS WITH THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL  
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